

LATE SOUTHERN NEWS.

DANGER TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SQUADRON.

Project of the Rebels to Capture our Ships.

THE PLAN SUPERINTENDED BY MAURY.

Iron-Clads Preparing in England for the Purpose.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, March 3, 1863.

The following is an extract from a naval officer's letter, dated on board the U. S. steam gunboat Chippewa, off Algiers, 16th Jan., 1863:

"An English officer, who is married to a relative of the late Commodore Shaw of the U. S. Navy, and who is with the North heart and soul in this struggle, informs me that a project is on foot in England, superintended by Maury of the Rebel navy, to capture the United States squadron on the Mediterranean station with iron-clad vessels, now said to be nearly ready for sea. The movements of our ships are watched, and we sometimes learn from *The London Times* of movements made in this squadron. The English officer told me that the return of the Sumter and our capture constitute the first act in the drama, and then the capture of the Constellation or St. Louis, or both, or their destruction if they refused to surrender. I saw the Sumter under steam a few hours after the consultation with the Englishman, who, in shaking hands with me, said: 'Your ship is watched, as Semmes left a diagram of her with a Welsh Captain, who gave it to the Rebel sympathizers in Plymouth.' I fear that the Reliance, which we expect here about the 1st of April, is in danger. She had a narrow escape from the Alabama before. We have to keep out of English waters in any encounter with the Sumter. Our Navy Department should try and send some iron-clad vessels here, if possible."

REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN YORKERS.

Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.

YOKERS, Tuesday, March 3, 1863.

At the Charter Election for Village Officers, to-day, Everett Clapp was elected President, with Trustee, Treasurer, and Collector, making a clean Republican ticket by good majorities. The Copperheads are left out in the cold.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, March 3, 1863.

Mr. HUTCHINSON presented a petition, numerously signed, in favor of Mr. Connolly's Broadway and Ferries Railroad bill.

The following bills were reported favorably from Standing Committees:

To define the duties of the Contracting Board.

To provide for the payment of interest on canal drafts protested for non-payment.

To authorize the Canal Board to hear and determine the claims of contractors for damages.

To amend the general railroad law.

Making regulations for building bridges so as to protect the lives of passengers.

Relating to the making up of railroad trains, &c.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. HUTCHINSON—To provide for recording certificates of marriage.

By Mr. ANGEL—To extend auction duties. The same bill as introduced by Mr. Dewey in the Assembly.

By Mr. CONNOLLY—To improve Union Avenue, New-York.

On motion of Mr. BELI, the bill amending the Assessment Laws was made the special order for to-morrow, after the Executive Session.

Mr. CONNOLLY offered a long preamble and resolutions setting forth the evils of a speculative rise in gold, and providing for a thorough and searching investigation to discover the amount of money loaned on gold, and the names of the borrowers; also, requiring the banks to make full returns and produce their books, etc.

Mr. CONNOLLY moved that the resolutions be printed.

Mr. BRADLEY opposed the motion to print. He favored the substance of the resolutions, but deemed it injurious at this time to agitate the question of currency. He believed the evils under which we labored could not be removed by legislation.

Mr. COOK desired the resolutions unnecessary, as the substance of the information sought to be obtained was given to the public every ninety days by the Bank Department.

Mr. CONNOLLY subsequently withdrew his motion to print the resolutions, and moved to refer them to a Select Committee of Three. Motion carried.

Messrs. MURPHY, COOK and ROBERTSON were appointed to the Select Committee. Mr. CONNOLLY stated that he did not desire to serve.

The Volunteer Bounty Tax Bill was, on motion of Mr. FOLGER, read a third time and passed.

The Clermont Canal Extension bill was then taken up in Committee of the Whole.

The consideration of the bill occupied the session till the afternoon, when progress was reported.

Adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

This being General Order day, the Assembly, under the rules, considered bills in Committee of the Whole.

The following bills went through the Committee, and were ordered to a third reading:

The annual Canal Appropriation bill.

To appropriate the proceeds of the State tax to the support of the schools.

To incorporate the Society for the protection of destitute children in New-York.

The Annual Appropriation bill for the support of the Government was then taken up.

Mr. SEYMOUR moved to insert a clause in the appropriation for gas inspectors, requiring the collection of all amounts due from gas companies under the law of 1859.

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